RECALLING that SCRS has concluded at its meeting in 2008 that ICES has undertaken data compilations and provided advice on the North-East Atlantic porbeagle (Lamna nasus) stock and that similar data compilations need to be undertaken for the South-East and South-West Atlantic porbeagle (Lamna nasus) stocks;

NOTING that a scientific assessment has been carried out on the porbeagle (Lamna nasus) stock in the North-West Atlantic;

CONSIDERING that it would be beneficial to have a common management regime for porbeagle (Lamna nasus) throughout its range in the Atlantic Ocean.

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS (ICCAT) RESOLVES THAT:

A joint ICCAT-ICES Inter-sessional meeting be undertaken in 2009 to further assess porbeagle (Lamna nasus) in conformity with the Supplemental Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning Sharks [Rec. 07-06]. As porbeagle (Lamna nasus) is also taken in other fisheries not directed at tunas, participation in the proposed assessment by additional RFMO scientific experts would be most beneficial.

A joint meeting of the Chairs or representatives the RFMOs concerned in the fisheries of porbeagle (Lamna nasus) in the Atlantic should also be considered to be held immediately following the joint ICCAT-ICES meeting. This meeting will examine the possibility of adopting compatible management measures in 2009 for porbeagle (Lamna nasus) in light of the assessment of the joint scientific meeting.